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Tuesday, 30 September 1952

1. Spoke to Mr. Wisner respecting the paper he had recently given me on Sino-Soviet relations, informing him that I had requested comment by O/NE. My own opinion was the paper represented a respectable research job, although it did not, by any means, cover all the factors affecting such relations. I felt that the source productive of such papers would be helpful.

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2. Informed the DCI of [REDACTED] impending visit on Wednesday.

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5. Also informed the DCI that there would not be an NSC meeting, nor an IAC meeting, this week.

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7. Mr. Wisner requested my support for the new procedure of requesting country program approval from the PRC respecting operational projects, which involved some rational relaxation of the project-by-project approval procedure. I assured him that I understood this and would support this development.

8. Spoke with Dr. Kent and Dr. Hoover respecting some difficulties they were having in securing net capability evaluations in NIE-64. I suggested that this effort be relaxed with respect to NIE-64, which could be confined to capabilities, since we were planning to organize a net capabilities study as a follow-up to the summary evaluation paper now in process. If this covered the general scope of NIE-64, it would satisfy O/NE's needs. I again indicated that the problem of intelligence estimates containing evaluations of net capabilities and enemy intentions was subsidiary in my mind to the broader problem of creating some machinery and procedure for

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obtaining a "Commander's Estimate" based both on operational data and intelligence for the President. If this major objective could be obtained, the latter would follow as a matter of course.

9. Spoke with Mr. Lay by phone respecting the meeting of the NSC Steering Group planned for later in the day, and subsequently attended this meeting. The subject discussed was the preparation of a series of studies for the President-elect.

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11. [REDACTED] consulted me concerning certain repercussions noted in Contact Division on publicity involving the Agency and I authorized him to distribute the most recent public statement given out by the Agency.

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